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For : EXPANDABLE BEADS OF STYRENE-MODIFIED LINEAR  
LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE-BASED RESIN,  
PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR, PRE-EXPANDED  
BEADS AND EXPANDED MOLDED ARTICLE

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated January 25, 2008 finally rejecting claims 1-9.

The fee for filing a notice of appeal as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b) and the fee for a three-month extension of time are being paid concurrently herewith. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there are any questions about this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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